

**REMARKS**

Upon entering the above amendments to the claims, claims 1-25 will be pending in this application and are presented for examination. Claims 1, 8 and 17 have been amended.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. Claim 8 has been amended to provide a complete list of preferred substituents for radical Ar when radical Ar is a substituted phenyl. This amendment finds support in the specification at page 7, lines 6-14 and page 10, line 20 to page 11, line 8.

Support for amendments to the specification can be found in claim 8 and 9 as filed, as well as in the specification at page 11, lines 7-8, where phenyl rings substituted with  $-OPO_3H_2$  are exemplified.

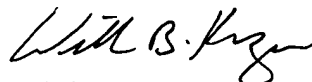
Applicants believe no new matter is present in this or any other portion of the present amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request examination of the present application without delay.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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